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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/679)]

- 54/240. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/213 of 18 December 1998,

¹ A/54/521.

² A/54/646 and Add.1.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for 1998³ and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon,⁴

1. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,¹ as well as the failure to submit to the General Assembly the report of the expert review group on the effective operation and functioning of that Tribunal and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, as requested in its resolution 53/213;

2. *Notes with concern* that, owing to the late submission of the report on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, the General Assembly did not have adequate time to consider it properly;

3. *Requests* that future reports on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are to be considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue, as a matter of priority, the report of the expert review group in the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to obtain comments and observations from the International Tribunal for Rwanda on the report of the expert review group, and to submit them, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly for consideration at its resumed fifty-fourth session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to improve further the workload indicators and to use them, as much as possible, as the basis for supporting the resources requested in the budget estimates;

7. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee⁵ on the note of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia⁶ concerning the establishment of a lump-sum payment for survivors of the judges;

8. *Also approves* the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph 71 of its report,⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

³ A/54/496 and Corr.1.

⁴ See A/54/646.

⁵ A/54/646, para. 75.

⁶ A/C.5/54/30.

⁷ A/54/646.

9. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis, subject to further review at its resumed fifty-fourth session, to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, a total amount of 86,154,900 United States dollars gross (78,170,200 dollars net) for the year 2000;

10. *Decides also* that the financing of the appropriation for the year 2000 under the Special Account shall take into account the amount of 2 million dollars gross (1,816,000 dollars net), being the estimated unencumbered balance as at the end of 1999 after absorption of overexpenditure recorded as at the end of 1998 for the biennium 1998-1999, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. *Decides further* to apportion the amount of 42,077,450 dollars gross (38,177,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000;

12. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 42,077,450 dollars gross (38,177,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for the year 2000;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 7,800,700 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the year 2000;

14. *Welcomes* contributions already made to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and invites Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the Tribunal;

15. *Decides* to continue consideration of this agenda item during its resumed fifty-fourth session.

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ANNEX

**Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible
for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed
in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and
Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States
between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>	
Appropriation for the year 2000	86 154 900	78 170 200
Less:		
Estimated unencumbered balance as at the end of 1999 after absorption of overexpenditure recorded as at the end of 1998	(2 000 000)	(1 816 000)
Balance to be assessed for the year 2000	84 154 900	76 354 200
Including:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000	42 077 450	38 177 100
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the peacekeeping budget of the United Nations for the year 2000	42 077 450	38 177 100